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To the Honorable Council  
City of Norfolk, Virginia

**R-22**

Re: Ordinance to Amend Norfolk City Code Section 34.1-60

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Currently the City Code only allows taxicabs to charge and collect the taximeter rate. Increasingly, there is a demand to use taxicabs for medical transport requiring more effort than the typical fare. This ordinance arises from this particular demand. Your fare limits may be exceeded but not without an annual written contract by the payer agreeing to the increase. The attached ordinance amends Section 34.1-60 of the Norfolk City Code to authorize the charging of fare schedules other than the taximeter rate when agreed upon by an annual written contract between the taxicab companies and an entity contracting for nonemergency medical transport services as set out in subsection (f).

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard A. Pishko  
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Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance

Form and Correctness Approved:

By [Signature]  
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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

## ORDINANCE No.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORFOLK, 1979, TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (F) TO CITY CODE SECTION 34.1-60 TO AUTHORIZE TAXICABS TO CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That the Code of the City of Norfolk, 1979, is hereby amended and reordained to add a new subsection (f) to City Code Section 34.1-60 to read as follows:

(f) Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, charges in addition to the amounts set forth in this section may be charged and collected for services by taxicabs pursuant to an annual written contract provided (1) the contract requires services in addition to transportation services and (2) the difference between the charges provided for in the contract and the charges set forth in this section bears a reasonable relationship to the value of the additional services provided by the taxicabs as required under the contract.

Section 2:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after its adoption.



**Sec. 34.1-60. Rates prescribed—Taxicabs.**

(a) The charges to be made and collected for services by taxicabs shall be determined by a taximeter and shall not exceed the following rates:

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| (1) For the first one-seventh mile,<br>or fraction thereof . . . . .       | \$3.00 |
| (2) For each succeeding one-seventh<br>mile, or fraction thereof . . . . . | \$0.30 |

(b) The rates shall not exceed the rates set forth above regardless of the number of passengers carried.

(c) For each minute of waiting time, an additional charge of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) may be made and collected by the operator of a taxicab. Waiting time shall include the time consumed while the taxicab is stopped or moving at a speed less than twelve (12) miles per hour, and time consumed waiting for a passenger, beginning five (5) minutes after the time of arrival at the place which it has been called, and the time consumed while it is standing at the direction of the passenger. Waiting time shall not include, and no charge shall be made for, the time lost on account of inefficiency of the taxicab, or its operation, or time consumed by premature response to a call. No charge shall be made for mileage while waiting time is being charged. What constitutes waiting time and the charges therefor shall be clearly set forth in the notices relating to rates required under section 34-105.

(d) A fee of fifty cents (\$0.50) per piece may be charged for the transportation and handling of trunks, baggage (other than ordinary handbags and briefcases) and parcels provided that such charge shall be made for the loading of such items into the taxicab at the curb and the unloading of such items from the taxicab to the curb at the point of destination, with the assistance of the driver.

(e) In addition to the charges set forth above, taxicab passengers shall pay all tolls.  
(Ord. No. 39,757, § 2, 11-9-99; Ord. No. 39,934, § 3, 4-25-00; Ord. No. 42,398, § 6, 9-12-06; Ord. No. 43,161, § 1, 7-1-08)

**Sec. 34.1-61. Same—For-hire automobiles.**

(a) The rates to be charged and collected for services by for-hire automobiles, except as hereinafter set forth, shall not exceed eight dollars and eighty-five cents (\$8.85) for the first hour, or fraction thereof, and for each succeeding one-quarter hour, or fraction thereof the rates shall not exceed two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50), except that for fares picked up at Norfolk International Airport the charges shall not exceed nor be less than the aforesaid rates.

(b) For the transportation, by a for-hire automobile, of five (5) or more passengers from the downtown business district, south of Princess Anne Road, to and including any point within the confines of the Naval Operating Base, or from any point within the confines of the Naval Operating Base to the downtown business district, south of Princess Anne Road, the fare to be charged shall be at the rate of seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per passenger. For the transportation of less than five (5) passengers to and from such points aforementioned, the minimum total fare shall be three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50).  
(Ord. No. 39,757, § 2, 11-9-99)

**Sec. 34.1-62. Dispatchers and drivers not to quote excessive rate.**

It shall be unlawful for any dispatcher or driver of a public vehicle to state or quote any fare in excess of the rates prescribed by this article.  
(Ord. No. 39,757, § 2, 11-9-99)

**Sec. 34.1-63. Posting.**

There shall be posted, in a conspicuous place to be designated by the chief of police, inside each public vehicle, a card printed in legible type showing the rates of fare prescribed to be charged for the use thereof and stating that a receipt will be given for the fare paid, if requested. There shall also be displayed on the outside surface of each public vehicle, at such place thereon and in such form as is designated by the city manager, the rates of fare prescribed to be charged for the use thereof.  
(Ord. No. 39,757, § 2, 11-9-99)